



Staff Report

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT AL-0521 FOR COMPREHENSIVE COUNTYWIDE DUI TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/EDUCATION, SEAT BELT SAFETY PROGRAM AND AWARDED THE CITY OF BELMONT WITH A FULLY OUTFITTED POLICE MOTORCYCLE, SAFETY HELMET AND REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERTIME COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT.

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

The Daly City Police Department received an Office of Traffic Safety Grant AL-0521 for approximately \$900,000 for traffic safety, traffic enforcement, seatbelt enforcement, and DUI enforcement. The Grant is effective from April of 2005 through December of 2006 and involves eighteen San Mateo County Law Enforcement agencies as well as the San Francisco and Redwood City Offices of the CHP. The Grant includes money for equipment and overtime for officers participating in the Grant.

Background

The Daly City Police Department applied for a multi-agency traffic enforcement grant through the Office of Traffic Safety and was subsequently awarded the grant in the amount of approximately \$900,000. A portion of the grant included the purchase and outfitting of 9 police motorcycles, one of which is designated for the Belmont Police Department. The motorcycle is given to the Belmont Police Department after an officer has successfully completed over 160 hours of instruction and training. This training will occur monthly during the two years of the grant.

In addition to the police motorcycle, the grant requires all agencies to participate in a total of 95 traffic safety/enforcement operations over a 21-month time frame. Included in these operations are 24 DUI checkpoints, traffic and DUI education campaigns, warrant services, and other traffic related duties. Each agency participating in these operations is entitled to reimbursement for overtime as detailed in the attached Memorandum of Understanding (Attachment C).

The Daly City Police Department will be the lead agency for the grant and will oversee all administrative details such as organizing operations, distributing motorcycles, controlling funds, and completing all necessary reports to comply with the provisions of the grant. In December 2006 at the conclusion of the grant, the motorcycle and related equipment will become the property of the City of Belmont with no further Office of Traffic Safety conditions.

Discussion

Staffing levels have been projected out through the life of this grant and it appears that we will be able to meet the grant requirements. This grant will also allow the police department to increase its focus on traffic education and related complaints such as red light violations and pedestrian right of way violations.

The revenue generated from participation in each of the ninety-five operations is approximately \$25,000 in overtime reimbursement. The City of Belmont will also receive a 2005 Harley Davidson motorcycle with an initial value of \$32,000. Belmont maintains a fleet of three motorcycles, with one serving as reserve. By accepting this grant, Belmont will modernize and standardize its fleet, upgrade the reserve motorcycle, and surplus an older motorcycle.

Fiscal Impact

This grant provides for reimbursement of costs associated with the overtime from supervisors, officers, clerical staff, and non-sworn personnel for all related checkpoints. Other than administrative oversight, there is no fiscal impact regarding personnel. Funding for this grant runs from October 1, 2004 through December 31, 2006.

City of Belmont Public Works Service Manager Randy Ferrando has reviewed the agreement in regards to the police motorcycle. The existing budget included depreciation funding of two Harley Davidson motorcycles and maintenance of all three motorcycles. Consequently, there is sufficient funding within the existing budget for this purpose and no augmentation is necessary.

Public Contact

Posting of City Council agenda.

Recommendation

Staff recommends accepting the terms in the Office of Traffic Safety Grant AL-0521, Comprehensive County Wide DUI Traffic Enforcement/Education and Seat Belt Safety Program awarding the City of Belmont with a fully outfitted Police Motorcycle, safety helmet and overtime costs.

Alternatives

1. Take No Action

Attachments

A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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Police Captain

Donald J. Mattei
Chief of Police

Daniel Rich
Interim City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT
ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT AL-0521 FOR
COMPREHENSIVE COUNTYWIDE DUI TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT/EDUCATION,
SEAT BELT SAFETY PROGRAM AND AWARDED THE CITY OF BELMONT WITH
A FULLY OUTFITTED POLICE MOTORCYCLE, SAFETY HELMET AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF OVERTIME COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE GRANT.**

WHEREAS, the Daly City Police Department received an Office of Traffic Safety Grant AL-0521 for approximately \$900,000 for traffic safety, traffic enforcement, seatbelt enforcement, and DUI enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, the Grant is effective from April of 2005 through December of 2006 and involves eighteen San Mateo County Law Enforcement agencies. Each agency must participate in a total of 95 traffic safety/enforcement operations over a 21-month time frame. Overtime reimbursement will occur after each operation and Belmont will receive approximately \$25,000; and,

WHEREAS, a portion of the grant includes the purchase and outfitting of nine police motorcycles, one of which is designated for the Belmont Police Department; and,

WHEREAS, this grant will allow the police department to focus on traffic education and related complaints.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont accepts the terms in the Office of Traffic Safety Grant AL-0521 for Comprehensive County Wide DUI Traffic Enforcement/Education and Seat Belt Safety Program awarding the City of Belmont with a fully outfitted Police Motorcycle, safety helmet and overtime costs.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on January 25, 2005 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont